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OF THE
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OF THE
GRAND LODGE

OF THE
Royal Orange Institution

OF
BRITISH NORTH AMERICA,

ASSEMBLED IN THE ORANGE HALL, CITY BUILDINGS, CITY OF
KINGSTON, COUNTY OF FRONTENAC, U. C., ON THURS-
DAY THE 30TH DAY OF APRIL, AND BY ADJOURNMENT
ON FRIDAY THE 1ST DAY OF MAY, A. D., 1857,
IN THE 28th YEAR OF ORANGEISM IN BRITISH AMERICA.

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R. W. GRAND LODGE.

SPECIAL MEETING.

WHEREAS, in view of the present prosperous condition of our Institution, and the vast increase of its members, a variety of matters of moment have arisen requiring early consideration, by the united body of Orangemen, and also for the purpose of bringing all the Brotherhood into closer companionship, and producing a more cordial understanding amongst them, it has been deemed advisable that a Special Grand Lodge Meeting be held at the time and place hereinafter mentioned, preparatory to the General Annual Meeting in June.

Now, know all whom it may concern, that I the undersigned, by and with the consent of the Council of Advice, do hereby summon such Special Meeting to convene in the City of Kingston, on **THURSDAY**, the 30th **APRIL**, 1857, at the hour of **ELEVEN** o'clock, **A. M.**, precisely.

GEORGE L. ALLEN, G. M. & S.

Office Grand Lodge, B. N. A.,
City of Toronto, March 31, 1857. }

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL SESSION
OF
The Grand Lodge
OF THE
LOYAL ORANGE INSTITUTION
OF BRITISH AMERICA.

First Day--Morning Session.

Pursuant to the foregoing summons issued by the Right Worshipful the Grand Master and Sovereign, this Special Session of the Grand Orange Lodge of British North America, was opened in the Orange Hall, (City Hall Buildings,) City of Kingston, Upper Canada, on Thursday, the 30th day of April, A. D., 1857, in the 28th year of Orangeism in B. N. A., at the hour of 11 o'clock, A. M.

Present:

GEORGE L. ALLEN, Esq..... R. W. G. M. & S. of B. N. A.
IN THE CHAIR.

Other Grand Officers:

OGLE R. GOWAN, Esq..... LAST PAST R. W. G. M. & S.
RICHARD DEMPSEY, Esq..... R. W. SENIOR D. G. M.
JOHN MCKINNON, Esq..... D. G. M. for Canada East.
HARCOURT P. GOWAN, Esq... GRAND SECRETARY.
MICHAEL CRAWFORD, Esq... PRESIDENT GRAND COMMITTEE.
STED'N B. CAMPBELL, Esq.... GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.
REV. NASSAU C. GOWAN..... DEPUTY GRAND CHAPLAIN.
REV. R. A. CARDEN..... DEPUTY GRAND CHAPLAIN.
REV. W. M. PATTYSON..... DEPUTY GRAND CHAPLAIN.
WM. COX ALLEN, Esq., M.D... DEPUTY GRAND TREASURER.
THOMAS ROBINSON, Esq..... DEPUTY GRAND SECRETARY.
WILLIAM HALL..... ACTING GRAND TYLER, *pro. tem.*

PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL SESSION.

Grand Committee:

WM. GALLOWAY, 51.	WM. ROBINSON, 342.
JOHN ASSELSTINE, 178.	F. C. STEWART, 449.
JAMES McKECHNIE, 178.	DAVID S. DICK, 511.
J. R. J. FOURRE, 218.	JOHN LOAN, 527.
ROBERT ANDERSON, 233.	JOHN REYNOLDS, 532.
ALEX. JACQUES, 301.	JOHN HALL, 547.
THOMAS KEYS, 549.	

County Masters:

A. J. VAN INGEN.....	Northumberland.
THOMAS M. MORTON, M. D.....	Leeds.
WM. A. McCULLOUGH.....	South Ontario.
WILLIAM GALLOWAY, <i>Co. Proxy</i>	Leeds.
THOMAS CAIRNES.....	South Lanark.
JOHN FLANAGAN.....	Frontenac.
MACKENZIE BOWELL.....	Hastings.
FAULKNER C. STEWART, <i>Co. Proxy</i>	Simcoe.
WILLIAM C. ANDERSON.....	Prince Edward.
HENRY CLOSE, <i>Co. Proxy</i>	Lennox and Addington.
MICHAEL CRAWFORD.....	Peel.
WM. C. ALLEN, M. D.....	Stormont.
THOMAS JOHNSON.....	Grenville.
JAMES GRIER.....	Dundas.
JOHN CAMPBELL.....	Montreal.

District Masters:

JOHN HOGG,.....	Nottawasaga, Co. Simcoe, N. R.
REV. W. M. PATTYSON,.....	North Crosby. Co. Leeds, S.R.
DAVID MARSHALL,.....	Port Hope, Co. Durham, E.R.
JOSEPH T. DUTTON,.....	Montreal, County of Montreal.
W. S. BOWES,.....	Belleville, (No. 1,) Co. Hastings, S.R.
GEORGE BROWN,.....	Kingston, County of Frontenac.
GLENHOLM GARRETT,.....	Tyendinaga, (No. 4,) Co. Hastings, S.R.
HENRY MARSHALL,.....	Prescott, Co. Grenville, S.R.
DAVID EDGAR,	Richmond, (No. 2,) Co. Lennox.
ALEX. REID,.....	Percy, Co. Northumberland, E.R.
JAMES HENDERSON,.....	Gananoque, County of Leeds, S.R.
REV. N. C. GOWAN,.....	Brock, County of Ontario, N.R.
F. C. STEWART,.....	Essa, County of Simcoe, S.R.

Masters:

JOHN McMULLEN	No.	1.
FRANCIS WHITEMAN.....	"	3.
CAMUEL McCORDIE.....	"	6.
JOHN CAMPBELL, (Canada East).....	"	6.
SIMON MAGEE, P.....	"	33.
WILLIAM STEVENSON, P.....	"	44.
THOMAS SCOTT.....	"	51.
ALEX. BARR.....	"	52.
Dr. T. M. MORTON	"	100.
THOMAS CAIRNS.....	"	115.
OGLE R. GOWAN.....	"	137.
JOHN FOSTER	"	141.
MICHAEL CRAWFORD.....	"	163.
JOSHUA BOOTH	"	178.
CHARLES L. WITT.....	"	186.
J. R. J. FOURRE, P	"	218.
ROBERT ANDERSON.....	"	233.
ROBERT LEACH.....	"	242.
W. S. K. CALCUTT, P.....	"	261.
WILLIAM HENDERSON, P.....	"	265.
BENJAMIN KETCHESON, P.....	"	274.
SAMUEL WILSON.....	"	291.
JOHNSTON KELLS, P.....	"	316.
WILLIAM PAUL.....	"	316.
JAMES RENTON.....	"	325.
HARCOURT P. GOWAN, P.....	"	328.
JAMES STINSON	"	336.
WILLIAM ROBINSON.....	"	342.
THOMAS McCAMMON.....	"	352.
S. S. MADDEN	"	358.
HENRY CLOSE, P.....	"	368.
A. H. GODARD.....	"	376.
S. B. MORRIES, P.....	"	419.
GEORGE WEIR	"	434.
NOBLE BENNETT	"	448.
F. C. STEWART.....	"	449.
WILLIAM HAYWARD.....	"	481.
ABSALOM BRIGGS.....	"	495.
HUGH HARDY, P.....	"	514.

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GEO. BROWN.....	No. 527.
JOHN REYNOLDS.....	" 532.
PETER CHAMBERLAIN.....	" 542.
WILLIAM YOUNG, P.....	" 553.
JAMES M. RORISON.....	" 548.
WILLIAM FARR.....	" 549.
WILLIAM DUNCAN.....	" 554.
ROBERT DONALDSON, P.....	" 539.
WILLIAM BEATON, P.....	" 674.
S. B. CAMPBELL.....	" 675.
REV. W. BARNES.....	" 743.
JOHN McVITTIE.....	" 774.

Visitors:

HENRY LENNOX, 6.	GEORGE MILLS, 316.
H. DUNBAR, 291.	JOHN LOVICK, 325.
DAVID WILSON, 291.	THOMAS JACKSON, 325.
JOHN HOLMES, 291.	ROBERT HINDS, 325.
CHARLES RILEY, 291.	HUGH HINDS, 325.
JAMES WATTS, 291.	GEORGE BRAWLEY, 325.
WILLIAM McKENZIE, 291.	WILLIAM HASLETT, 325.
JOHN KENNEDY, 291.	MARK PIGGOTT, 325.
JAMES HAMILTON, 291.	WILLIAM SHANNON, 352.
JOHN WADDLE, 291.	JOHN CURRAN, 352.
WILLIAM KENNEDY, 291.	W. HUFFMAN, 451.
THOS. CAMPBELL, 291.	RICHARD ASSELSTINE, 527.
ALEX. MILLS, 316.	J. LATORNEY, 527.
ANDREW RANKIN, 316.	JOHN SHEPHERD, 527.
THOMAS WILLING, 316.	ROBERT McDONALD, 542.
JOHN H. STEPHENS, 316.	WILLIAM COULTER, 551.
WILLIAM CARDWELL, 636.	J. R. BURKE, 572.

Total present, 139.

At the hour already named, the Right Worshipful Grand Master entered and assumed the Chair. The Companions being seated in their proper places, under the superintendence of the Grand Director of Ceremonies, the Grand Master directed Brothers Dr. Allen (County Master of Stormont) and William Henderson (Past County Master of Durham) to test each Brother present, which having been completed and reported in the usual manner to the R. W. Sen. Dy. Grand Master, that Officer

made his announcement to the G. M. & S., who, assisted by Bro. Rev. R. A. Carden, Deputy Grand Chaplain, and the other Companions, opened this Special Session in the Illustrious Order of the Royal Scarlet, according to the proper forms, with solemn prayer, and the Companions resumed their seats.

The Grand Master then arose, and addressed the Grand Lodge in substance as follows—the utmost silence reigning throughout the large assemblage, except while interrupted by cheers and other tokens of approbation:—He expressed his very great pleasure at meeting many of those brethren who had been separated since we last met in this very building in 1853. Our glorious Institution should be one and undivided, and not one had gone further or taken more pains to bring about that happy position, which, he was proud to state, the Order now occupied. He hoped the proceedings of this Session of the Grand Lodge would be conducted in that orderly and decorous manner which should characterise a society in which brotherly love and union reign predominant. He then gave several reasons for summoning this Session, amongst which were: that he desired to see the members of the Institution more cemented in unity of feeling and sentiment, and he thought personal intercourse with each other the most judicious way of accomplishing the object he had in view; that being admitted, he trusted that all the brethren would be actuated by the same feelings that he was, and that the interests and well being of the Institution would be carried out to the fullest extent, with a determination that brotherly unity should and must govern all their actions; then would the Society prosper and be a terror to its foes, and an instrument of power in our hands, which would make our influence be felt throughout the length and breadth of the country. He next alluded to the rapid increase in the ranks of the Society, not only in numbers, but in respectability, wealth and position. He was confident that the brethren would hear with the greatest satisfaction, that *one hundred and one* Warrants to open new Lodges had been granted since the last meeting of the Grand Lodge, at which time he had the honor of being chosen the head of this great and powerful body of United Orangemen. In the past ten months an average of ten Warrants had been issued, or one every third day. Brethren, we have reason to be proud of the tide which public opinion is taking in our favor. Let us be moderate in our transactions, and enjoy our high position with that dignity which becomes true Orangemen. He also alluded to the vast amount of Correspondence and several other matters, which would be brought under the notice of the Grand Lodge, and which he had no doubt

would receive the most careful consideration of the Companions and Brethren. He also apologised for the absence of the Grand Treasurer, which was caused by sickness in his (the G. T's.) family.

The Grand Master was repeatedly cheered during the delivery of his opening address, and the brethren, as well those of the party who were formerly attached to the other body, as those who had always been attached to this body, evidenced their approbation and attachment to the head of the Order by repeated expressions of approval.

On motion of Bro. Ogle R. Gowan, Last Past Grand Master, seconded by Bro. John McKinnon, Deputy Grand Master for Canada East, it was unanimously

Resolved—That a Committee of five Brothers be now appointed, to whom the Correspondence referred to by the R. W. the Grand Master in his opening address shall be referred, and that such Committee consist of Bros. O. R. Gowan, 137; Michael Crawford, 163; McKenzie Bowell, 274; William Henderson, 265; and Dr. Wm. C. Allen, 181.

Some discussion having arisen relative to the Proxy of Bro. Ketcheson, for No. 274, Belleville, and Bro. S. B. Morris for No. 419, Colborne, it was, upon motion of Bro. O. R. Gowan, L. P. G. M., seconded by Bro. John McKinnon, D. G. M. for C. E., unanimously

Resolved—That the Proxy now presented by Bro. Benjamin Ketcheson, for Lodge No. 274, Belleville, Co. Hastings, be received, and the said Brother be entitled to sit and vote as the Representative of that Lodge, on all matters coming before this meeting of the Grand Lodge.

A motion similar to the above, relative to Bro. S. B. Morris, Proxy for No. 419, Colborne, was then, on motion of Bro. C. R. Gowan, L. P. G. M., seconded by Bro. A. J. Van Ingen, C. M. Northumberland, put and carried unanimously.

A lengthy document relative to the next Annual Meeting, signed by Bro. J. P. Grant, W. M. of one of the City of Quebec Lodges, (in which rather strong language was made use of) was here placed in the hands of, and read by the Grand Master.

On motion of Bro. Thos. Robinson, D. G. S., seconded by Bro. D. S. Dick, M. G. C. 511, it was unanimously

Resolved—That a Committee of five Brothers be now appointed, on the subject of the sub-division of Counties, with instructions to report

their opinions thereon as soon as possible, and that such Committee consist of Bros. Rev. N. C. Gowan, 567; John McKinnon, 275; Dr. T. M. Morton, 100; John Flanagan, 481, and George Brown, 527.

On motion of Bro. Rev. R. A. Carden, D. G. C., seconded by Bro. David Marshall, D. M. Port Hope, it was unanimously

Resolved—That a Committee of five members be now appointed to whom the subject of revising "*The Constitution and Laws*" of the Institution, as mentioned by the R. W. the Grand Master, and that the following Brothers do compose said Committee, viz: Rev. W. M. Pattysen, 548; Rev. R. A. Carden, 349; David Marshall, 309; Joseph T. Dutton, 18, C. E., and John Hogg, 651.

On motion of Bro. Wm. C. Anderson, C.M. Prince Edward, seconded by Bro. McKenzie Bowell, C. M. Hastings, it was unanimously

Resolved—That a Committee of five members be now appointed, to whom the question of the amendment of the Royal Scarlet Dispensation be referred, and that Bros. Wm. C. Anderson, 175; John Loan, 527; John Campbell, 6, C. E.; Thomas Cairnes, 115, and S. B. Campbell, 675, do compose said Committee.

At the urgent request of the Companions, the Grand Master and Sovereign was pleased to declare the Grand Lodge reduced to the Orange Order at a quarter past One o'clock, P. M., in order to admit some brethren who had not been farther advanced in the Degrees of the Institution.

Bro. John Hogg, D.M. Nottawasaga seconded by Bro. F. C. Stewart, C. P. Co. Simcoe, gave notice that he would move at the next Session of the Grand Lodge, "That a Committee of seven Brothers be appointed, whose duty it shall be to consider, and report to this Grand Lodge the propriety of appointing a paid Grand Secretary to be paid a salary of £—, per annum, said Secretary to devote *all* his time to the duties of the Orange Institution, and to hold office during the pleasure of the Grand Lodge, and that *The Constitution and Laws* be altered so as to meet the present emergency."

Rev. Bro. Carden, Bro. O. R. Gowan, and other brothers addressed the Grand Lodge, strongly urging a large attendance at the Annual Session in Quebec, in June. Their remarks produced the desired effect upon the brethren, many of whom promised to attend, not only them-



selves, but would use their influence on their return home, with the brethren in their several localities, to induce them to be present also.

Bro. Rev. Nassau C. Gowan, Dy. G. C., (seconded by Bro. Rev. R. A. Carden, D. G. C.,) gave notice that he would (D. V.) move at the next meeting of this R. W. Grand Lodge: That at the Annual County Meeting of each County, in February, it shall be determined whether all the Lodges in the County shall assemble in one place, for the Celebration of the never-to-be-forgotten 12th of July, or whether each District in the County shall be permitted to have a Procession within its own bounds.

On motion of Bro. Thomas M. Morton, M. D., Co. M. Leeds, seconded by Bro. Thomas Johnston, Co. M. Grenville, it was unanimously

Resolved—That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn, and so remain until the hour of seven o'clock this evening.

Evening Session.

ORANGE HALL, CITY BUILDINGS.

KINGSTON, Thursday, 7 o'clock p. m. April 30th, 1857.

The R. W. the Grand Master now assumed the Chair, and the Companions and Brethren took their seats.

On the Grand Master declaring the Grand Lodge ready for business, Bro. Ogle R. Gowan, Chairman, read and presented the Report of the Committee on Correspondence, as follows:

To the R. W. the Grand Master and Sovereign of the L. O. I. of B. N. A. and the Grand Lodge in Special Meeting assembled, in Kingston.

R. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,

The Committee on Correspondence respectfully beg leave to report that they have had under consideration the Correspondence referred to them upon the subject of the two Lodges, now meeting under number 316, in the City of Kingston. They have also had under consideration the Warrants of the same number granted to Bros. James Greadon, James Agnew and Thomas Robinson, and have examined a number of the Brethren of both Lodges upon the questions in dispute. The Committee, after a full and patient investigation, recommend that the members of both Lodges be requested to meet on the 15th day of May, 1857, and then elect, for the remainder of the present year, a Master and other Officers of the Lodge—that a Warrant of the same number

(316) be issued in the name of Bro. Thomas Robinson, under the authority of which, the Lodge shall meet on the said day—that the District Master do preside at the said meeting until a Master shall be elected and sworn into Office—and that all former Warrants of the same number (316) be called in and cancelled.

The attention of your Committee was next directed to the subject of the two Warrants of the same No. (133) granted to Cartwright, in the County of Durham, and they recommend that a new Warrant be issued in the name of Bro. Wm. Vance, of the said No. 133, and that the members of both Lodges meet on such a day as the District Master may appoint, to elect a Master and other Officers for the said Lodge—that the District Master preside at the said meeting, till a Master shall be elected and sworn into Office,—and that all former Warrants of the No. 133, be called in and cancelled.

The Committee have read over the Correspondence from New Brunswick, and from Montreal in L. C., and they recommend that the consideration of the subjects referred to in them, be deferred till the next Annual Session of the Grand Lodge.

The attention of the Committee has been given to the letter of Bro. Grant, of Quebec, upon the subject of the removal of the next Annual Meeting of G. L. from that city, and they trust that the appearance of the R. W. the G. L. in the ancient Capital of Lower Canada, on the day appointed by the *Constitution* for the assembling of the Brethren of B. A. in Annual Session, will allay all anxiety that might have been entertained by our Quebec Brethren; an anxiety, however, that was not called for, as the removal of the said Meeting never was contemplated.

The Committee recommend that all action upon subjects connected with the differences existing in Quebec, in reference to the two Royal Searlet Dispositions in that City, be deferred till the Annual Meeting to be held in that City, when the parties interested can be heard personally and fuller information received, than is at present before your Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

OGLE R. GOWAN, CHAIRMAN.
WILLIAM HENDERSON.
WM. COX ALLEN, M. D.
MICHAEL CRAWFORD.

I concur in the foregoing Report, with the exception of that part which refers to the issue of the Warrants in the name of Bros. Robinson and Vance.

Kingston, 30th April, 1857.

M. BOWELL

A discussion took place on the clauses in the above Report, relative to Lodges 133, Cartwright, and 316, Kingston, in which the following Brothers took part: Wm. Paul, 316; Thomas McCammon, 352; Ogle R. Gowan, 137; John Flanagan, 481; John McKinnon, 275; Johnston Kells, 316; W. S. Bowes, 274; Joshua Booth, 178; David Marshall, 309; A. J. Van Ingen, 52; S. B. Campbell, 675; John McMullen, 1; John Hogg, 651; Henry Marshall, 352; Joseph T. Dutton, 18, C. E.; John Campbell, 6, C. E.; D. S. Dick, 511; Dr. Allen, 181; Rev. R. A. Carden, 349; Thos. Robinson, 316; Rev. N. C. Gowan, 567; Samuel Wilson, 291; and finally, the R. W. Grand Master.

It was then, on motion of Bro. John McMullen, W. M. No. 1., seconded by Bro. Thos. Cairns, Co. M. South Lanark,

Resolved—That the Report be amended by the following: That the two Lodges, numbered 316, shall meet on the 15th May, as recommended in the Report of the Committee, and elect a Master conjointly in the first place, and that a Warrant be issued to the Master so elected, and that the new Lodge then proceed to elect the other Officers.

On motion of Bro. David Marshall, D. M. Port Hope, seconded by Bro. A. J. Van Ingen, Co. M. Northumberland, it was

Resolved—That the name of Bro. William Vance be struck out of Warrant No. 133, and that the Warrant be issued in the name of the Brother selected by the united Lodges, in the same manner as No. 316.

On motion of Bro. Rev. W. M. Pattyson, D. G. C., seconded by Bro. Wm. C. Anderson, Co. M. Prince Edward, it was

Resolved—That the Report of the Committee on Correspondence, as amended, be adopted and concurred in.

Bro. Rev. W. M. Pattyson, Chairman, read and presented the Report of the Committee on the Revision of *The Constitution and Laws*, as follows:

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

COMMITTEE ROOM,

KINGSTON, April 30, 1857.

To the Right Worshipful, the Grand Lodge in Session Assembled:

The Committee appointed by the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge to revise and amend *The Constitution and Laws*, beg leave to report as follows: They recommend to repeal Clause or Section 3, and sub-

stitute the following, viz., "No Candidate shall be admitted unless he subscribes to the Orthodox Protestant Creed, as understood by the Evangelical Churches of Christendom; and that such Creed be held to be a firm belief in the Doctrine of the Holy Trinity—the Divinity and Humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ—the personality and Divinity of the Holy Ghost—the sufficiency of the Holy Scripture, as the sole rule of Faith and practice, and the Doctrine of future rewards and punishments. And further, said Candidate must be also of good moral habits, and a loyal subject of the British Empire."

2. To expunge Section 6, inasmuch as one great evil of this country is the precocity of the youth of Canada, and which it is desirable that no Institution in any way connected with the Order should increase.

3. To alter and amend Section 7, by inserting "Local Grand Lodges" after County Lodges.

4. To alter and amend Section 8, by adding "an inside and outside Tyler."

5. To repeal Sections 11 and 29, and substitute therefor Sections 16 and 17 of the Laws of 1850.

6. To alter and amend Section 14, by adding after the word "Lodge," "or in Procession."

7. To alter Section 24, by striking out "or to the character of any of the Grand Officers."

8. To alter and amend Section 25, by adding after "County" "Local Lodges."

9. To alter and amend Rule 31, by adding after "Deputy Master" the word "Chaplain."

10. To amend Rule 33, by adding after "each Lodge" "except if working under a Lodge."

11. To amend Rule 35, by substituting "for one copy of the books" "simply the books."

12. To amend Rule 41, by striking out the word "written."

13. To add in Rule 43, the words after "Proxy" "who shall be a member of the Lodge."

14. To add after "include all" "Provincial" in Rule 43.

15. To add to Rule 60, "and parties from Great Britain, who have there got the Degree of Royal Arch Purple, shall be obliged to take the Degrees of Purple and Blue, as given in Canada, within six months after deposit of Certificate, if practicable, and otherwise within the shortest possible period at the discretion of the Masters of the several Lodges."
16. To expunge altogether Rule 68.
17. To amend Rule 69, by permitting the last Past Master to preside after Deputy Master.
18. To add a Rule, "That no Lodge, if possible, shall be held in a tavern, and no Tavernkeeper shall be Master of any Lodge."
19. To repeal Rule 71, and substitute the following: "Cities, Towns, and Townships, having three Lodges within their several limits shall be entitled to form a separate District Lodge, and to elect for the year a District Master, a Deputy District Master, a District Chaplain, District Secretary and District Treasurer, to be chosen on the second Tuesday in each year, and the persons entitled to sit and vote in such District Lodge shall be the District Officers already named, and the Masters, Deputy Masters, Chaplains, Last Past Masters, Treasurers, Secretaries and Senior Committee-men of all Lodges meeting in the District."
20. In Rule 72, after the words "new Lodge" "and all re-elected Masters in his District, and shall give the Annual to all Masters within his District."
21. And your Committee further report, that they consider it desirable to alter the Orange Obligation, by adding after "Papist" "That I will not marry a Papist, nor allow my children to be baptised or educated as Papists, or in a Papist Nunnery, Monastery or School, nor will I ever sanction their marriage with a Papist."
22. To add to Rule 80, "that District Lodges must be conducted in the Royal Blue Degree."
23. To add after the words "established for" "defraying the expenses of its Representative to the Grand Lodge, and when established to."
24. After Rule 79 add, "Any member of the District Lodge failing to attend any regularly established or convened meeting, and not assigning any good reason therefor, shall be fined at the discretion of the Lodge, in a sum not exceeding five shillings."

25. Rule 80, to be changed to 81: and in Rule 81 strike out all after the word "Proxy," and substitute "1st Wednesday" for "1st Monday," as at present.

26. Repeal Rule 88, and substitute "That the business of County Lodges shall be conducted in the Royal Arch Degree."

27. After Rule 90, add "And every Lodge not meeting for six consecutive months shall be considered dormant."

28. In Rule 93, after the "Returns are made," "it shall be the duty of the County Master to make a correct Report of the state of all Lodges in his County, with a statement of Lodges which have become dormant during the year."

29. In Rule 95, after the word "require" strike out "and also appoint," and as far as "just and necessary."

30. In Rule 93, strike out "County Proxies," and substitute "Deputy County Master or Chaplain."

31. In Rule 96, after the words "Opened in the Scarlet Degree," read "and the business may be conducted in the Royal Arch, if the Right Worshipful the Grand Master or Brother presiding, see fit and necessary."

32. After Section 25, in Rule 113, add "District Chaplains."

33. After Section 29, add "Chaplains of Lodges."

34. In Section 10, strike out "One Pound," and substitute "Two Pounds Ten Shillings."

35. In Section 11, add "the Fees shall not be less than 40s. for the Orange; 5s. for the Purple Degree; 7s. 6d. for the Blue; 10s. for Royal Arch; and 12s. 6d. for the Royal Scarlet."

Your Committee further recommend that, in the issue of Warrants to new Lodges, the number of dormant Lodges be attached and the former Warrants cancelled, when such Lodges shall be free from liability, and recommend the Incorporating of the Institution forthwith,

and your Committee beg leave to sit again from time to time until the next Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

(Signed,)

W. M. PATTYSON, CHAIRMAN,
R. A. CARDEN,
DAVID MARSHALL,
JOS. T. DUTTON,
JOHN HOGG.

On motion of Bro. John Flanagan, Co. M. Frontenac, seconded by Bro. Rev. W. Barnes, W. M. 745, it was

Resolved—That the prayer of the Committee for leave to sit again, and report to the Grand Lodge at its Annual Session in Quebec, next June, be granted, and that the portion of the Report now read, be printed and circulated.

Bro. Rev. N. C. Gowan, Chairman, read and presented the Report of the Committee on the Sub-division of Counties, as follows:

The Committee on the Division of Counties having met at its rooms, present: Rev. N. C. Gowan, Dr. T. M. Morton, John McKinnon Esq., and George Brown Esq. Your Committee beg to report as follows:

1. In reference to the communications from Brothers Samuel Bradley, H. B. Hodgins and others in the County of Huron, your Committee are of opinion that they can take no action, in consequence of the brethren concerned not having complied with the "Constitution and Laws" of the Order.

2. Your Committee beg leave to recommend that the division of the County of Lanark should be granted.

3. Your Committee are of opinion that the division of the County of Ontario should remain as it was arranged by the Annual County Meeting in February, and that Brother the Rev. N. C. Gowan do suramon a County Meeting as soon as possible, for the appointment of County Officers for North Ontario.

(N. C. GOWAN, dissentient.)

4. Your Committee are also of opinion that the division of the County of Lennox and Addington should be sanctioned, and that Brother the District

Master for the North Division should summon, at his earliest convenience, a County Meeting for the election of Officers.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NASSAU C. GOWAN, CHAIRMAN.
JOHN McKINNON.
T. M. MORTON, M. D.
JOHN FLANAGAN.
GEORGE BROWN.

On motion of Bro. John Hogg, D. M. Nottawasaga, seconded by Ogle R. Gowan, L. P. G. M., it was

Resolved—That the Report of the Committee on the revision of *The Constitution and Laws* be amended by rendering it imperative to divide all Counties (when demanded by a majority of the Lodges meeting within any Electoral District) first submitting to the R. W. Grand Lodge for approval, and when so divided they be divided in accordance with the Electoral Districts into which the County may be divided according to Act of Parliament, so far as the Lower Branch of the Legislature is concerned.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master and Sovereign being informed that the Committee on the Revision of the Illustrious Order of the Royal Scarlet were ready and anxious to report, declared that he would resume business on that Order, after those had retired who were not advanced to that Degree, and the Test being put round by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, and the proper announcement having been made, the Sovereign declared the Grand Lodge open on the Royal Scarlet Order, whereupon

Bro. Wm. C. Anderson, C. M. Prince Edward, Chairman, read and presented the Report of the Committee on the Revision of the Royal Scarlet Order, as follows:

GRAND LODGE ROOM,

KINGSTON, 30th April, 1857.

REPORT

Of the Committee on the Revision of the Royal Scarlet Dispensation,
Your Committee, after having carefully and diligently, investigated and

enquired into the working order of the Royal Scarlet Dispensation, and also into the present state of the said Dispensation, do report as follows:—

1st. That when the Grand Lodge of *B. N. A.*, in granting to County and District Masters, the right to have and to hold, to each of them, a Scarlet Dispensation, made no provision for the rescinding and calling in of Dispensations which were then held by brethren not holding the Office of County or District Master.

2nd. That during the late unhappy differences in the Orange Institution, Scarlet Dispensations were granted by both Grand Lodges, to persons residing, in some instances, in the same locality.

3rd. That as a consequence of the foregoing, much confusion prevails, and the Illustrious Order of the Royal Scarlet is not sufficiently respected, and very frequently granted to persons not justly entitled to this exalted Degree.

4th. That in some instances the present form of Dispensation is *inoperative*, that is, as to the carrying out of its provisions, and containing requirements which, in the opinion of your Committee, are not only useless, but perplexing.

Your Committee beg to submit as a remedy for the foregoing evils:

That all Dispensations of the Royal Scarlet Degree not at present held by County or District Masters, in *Rural Districts*, be immediately cancelled and declared null and void.

That in Towns and Cities the County Masters *alone* be entitled to receive and hold a Scarlet Dispensation, all others to be declared null and void—in his absence, the Deputy County Master, or District Master to act in his place and open the Chapter and carry on the business in the same manner as the County Master, and with the same responsibilities—the Deputy County Master to take precedence to the District Master.

That in all cases, the County Master (holding a Dispensation) shall have authority to hold in Cheek, any District Master in his County who may hold a Scarlet Dispensation; and no such District Master shall open his Chapter and exalt any brother to the Degree of R. S., without the permission of the County Master, unless he, the District Master, may have eight or more Lodges in his District.

Provided always that nothing in the foregoing shall be construed so as to prevent the Grand Master, or either or any of the Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Lecturer, Grand Chaplain, or President of the Grand Committee, and Grand Director of Ceremonies to

exercise their authority and hold Dispensations of the Royal Searlet in the same manner as if the above provisions had not been made.

That those parts of the Sections of the Form of Royal Searlet Dispensation which make it necessary for the holder of such Dispensations, to refer to and ask the consent of a Grand Officer to the opening of a Searlet Chapter, or asking the consent of the Sovereign to exalt the brethren who may be elected in the different Chapters, be expunged.

That a fee of One Pound be paid for each and every Dispensation granted as above.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN.

JOHN LOAN.

JOHN CAMPBELL.

THOMAS CAIRNS.

S. B. CAMPBELL.

On motion of Bro. John Flanagan, C. M. Frontenac, seconded by Bro. McKenzie Bowell, C. M. Hastings, it was

Resolved,—That the Report now presented be received by this Grand Lodge.

After some discussion on the Report, it was, on motion of Bro. S. B. Campbell, G. D. C., seconded by Bro. R. Dempsey, Senior D. G. M.

Resolved,—That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn, and so remain until the hour of eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

Second Day.

ORANGE HALL, CITY BUILDINGS,
Kingston, Friday, 8 o'clock, A. M., May 1st, 1857.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master and Sovereign assumed the Chair, and declared the Grand Lodge—the Companions having been tested—open on the Illustrious Order of the Royal Scarlet, and stated that the first order of business was to take action upon the Report of the Committee on the Royal Scarlet Order.

After some remarks by several of the Companions, it was, upon motion of Bro. R. Dempsey, Senior D. G. M., seconded by Bro. S. B. Campbell, G. D. C.,

Resolved,—That the Report be amended by fixing 10s. as the minimum Fee to be paid by Companions for Installation, in all Royal Scarlet Chapters.

On motion of Bro. David Marshall, D. M. Port Hope, seconded by Bro. Rev. Nassau C. Gowan, D. G. C., it was

Resolved,—That the Report be also amended, by directing that all Royal Scarlet Dispensations not issued to County Masters and District Masters, and their successors in office, be cancelled.

On motion of Bro. Ogle R. Gowan, Last P. G. M., seconded by Bro. John McKinnon, D. G. M. for C. E., it was

Resolved,—That the Report be further amended, by striking out that part thereof which refers to Deputy County Masters, and to Districts having less than eight Lodges therein.

On motion of Bro. S. B. Campbell, G. D. C., seconded by Bro. Joseph T. Dutton, D. M. Montreal, it was unanimously

Resolved,—That the Report, as amended, of the Committee on the Revision of the Royal Scarlet Order, be adopted and confirmed.

On motion of Bro. Rev. N. C. Gowan, D. G. C., seconded by Bro. Rev. R. A. Carden, it was unanimously

Resolved—That the Right Worshipful the Grand Master and Sovereign, and each of the other Grand Officers, should be robed differently from any other Officer in the Institution, and in a manner becoming the dignity of those high functionaries; that the Deputy Grand Chaplains shall all be robed alike, and that the Grand Director of Ceremonies is hereby respectfully requested to give his best and earliest attention to this matter, and to superintend its complete accomplishment, and further, to endeavor to secure greater uniformity in the Regalia worn by all the members of this Institution.

At 15 minutes past ten o'clock, A. M., the Grand Master declared, (at the request of the Companions,) the Grand Lodge reduced to the Orange Order, for the transaction of such business as should be brought forward and in order to admit brethren seeking admission, but not qualified to enter the Royal Scarlet Chapter.

Moved by Bro. Rev. R. A. Carden, D. G. C., seconded by Bro. Rev. W. M. Pattysen, D. G. C.

“That this R. W. Grand Lodge, considering the gradual approach of a General Election, would impress strongly upon the members of the Institution, who may possess the Elective Franchise, the necessity of exercising that right to the furtherance of the principles which are acknowledged by and form the basis of our Order, and that they should in all cases, vote for and support those Candidates, and only those who will, to the utmost of their power, oppose EVERY ENDOWMENT of Popery, and advocate Scriptural Education for the people, and that all members of our Institution should, in every instance where it is practicable, obtain pledges from Candidates to carry out these views to the fullest extent.”

The above resolution called forth a lengthy discussion, in which Bros. O. R. Gowan, 137; Rev. R. A. Carden, 349; John Flanagan, 481; David Marshall, 309; Rev. N. C. Gowan, 567; F. C. Stewart, 449; Wm. Henderson, 265; Joseph T. Dutton, 18, C. E.; John Hogg, 651; H. P. Gowan, 328; John McMullen, 1; Alex. Jacques, 301, and Thos. Robinson, 316, took part.

It was then moved in amendment by Bro. Alex. Jacques, M. G. C. 301, seconded by Bro. Thos. Robinson, D. G. S.

"That in all matters relative to Elections, Orangemen should, (when the Candidate is a brother in actual connection) vote for and give him all the support in his power; and should two Candidates, both of them Orangemen, come forward, a majority of the brethren in the Riding or County shall meet and decide which brother will best conserve the interests of Orangeism, as bearing upon our Constitution, and otherwise carry out true Protestant principles; the other brother Candidate waving his claim, in order to give full force to our energies at the polls, and a greater security of the return of a Member upon whom we, as an Orange body, can rely."

This amendment called forth another lengthy discussion, in which the following brothers took part, viz: Alex. Jacques, 301; David Marshall, 309; Thomas Robinson, 316; John Flanagan, 481; John Loan, 527; John McMullen, 1; O. R. Gowan, 137, and others. The amendment was, finally, by permission of the Grand Lodge, withdrawn, whereupon it was

On motion of Bro. Alex. Jacques, M. G. C. 301, seconded by Bro. Rev. R. A. Carden, unanimously

Resolved—That a Committee of five brothers be now appointed by the R. W. the Grand Lodge, whose duty it shall be to report to the Annual Grand Lodge Session in Quebec next month, some means of government or guidance for Orangemen to act upon, in all cases of Elections—whether Parliamentary, Municipal, School, or otherwise—in order that our energies, power and influence, as an Orange body, may be more concentrated and effective, and that the following brethren compose said Committee, viz: John Flanagan, C. M. Frontenac; Wm. Henderson, Representative of 265; John McKinnon, D. G. M. C. E.; John McMullen, W. M. 1; and Alex. Jacques, M. G. C. for 301."

On motion of Bro. Harcourt P. Gowan, Grand Secretary, seconded by Bro. Rev. R. A. Carden, Deputy Grand Chaplain, it was unanimously

Resolved—That this R. W. Grand Lodge cordially sympathises with the Brethren of Great Britain and Ireland, in their praiseworthy exertions to obtain the disendowment of that sink of iniquity the Popish College of Maynooth, in Ireland, and we desire to express our great satisfaction at the moral victory obtained by Mr. Spooner, M. P. and those who so nobly did their duty by supporting him, in the motion which he recently introduced in the House of Commons on the subject.

Bro. George Brown, D. M. Kingston, presented the Warrant which had been issued to Bro. William Shannon to open Lodge No. 834. He requested the Grand Lodge, in an eloquent and brotherly address, to take action in the matter, stating that Bro. Shannon had not any certificate at the time the Warrant was granted him, which fact he believed the R. W. Grand Lodge was not aware of, as the County Master had not informed the Grand Officers, in his application for the Warrant, nor had the application passed through his hands, although District Master of the District.

Bro. Flanagan, County Master of Frontenac, explained the cause of the irregularity to the satisfaction of the Grand Lodge. On his resuming his seat, it was,

On motion of Bro. Ogle R. Gowan, L. P. G. M., seconded by Bro. F. C. Stewart, D. M. Essa, unanimously

Resolved—That the Warrant No. 834, be handed to the District Master of Kingston, Bro. George Brown Esq., to be kept by him until Bro. William Shannon properly qualifies himself to receive it, and if he cannot do so within a reasonable time, the said Warrant to be delivered into the hands of such brother as may be chosen in his place.

On motion of Bro. John Hogg, D. M. Nottawasaga, seconded by Bro. A. J. Van Ingen, Co. M. Northumberland, it was unanimously

Resolved—That this Institution, having arrived at a period, both in wealth and position, when it is absolutely necessary to take immediate steps to have the Society placed on a firm and substantial basis, by applying to the Legislature for an Act of Incorporation, that a Committee, consisting of the R. W. Grand Master; the Senior D. Grand Master; O. R. Gowan; John Flanagan; David Marshall; Michael Crawford, P.G.C.; W. Henderson; John Campbell, (Montreal); John McKinnon, (D. G. M. for C. E.), and Rev. R. J. A. Carden, D.G.C., be now appointed for the above purpose, and that in the event of a General Election taking place, previous to the passing of the said Bill, the Grand Lodge pledges itself to support those only who will distinctly pledge themselves to such a course. The above Committee to report to the Grand Lodge at its next Annual Session.

There being no other business brought forward, it was



On motion of Bro. Ogle R. Gowan, L. P. G. M., seconded by Bro. Richard Dempsey, Senior Dy. G. M., unanimously

Resolved—That this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge do now terminate its labours, and remain closed until the Annual Session, to be held in the City of Quebec, on the third Tuesday in next month, and that the best thanks of the Companions and Brethren be, and are hereby tendered to Bro. George L. Allen, Esq., the most worthy Right Worshipful Grand Master and Sovereign, for his proper, impartial and dignified conduct, while presiding over our deliberations, and conducting the entire proceedings in such a business-like manner, resulting as it has in the display of such harmony and good feeling—alike creditable to him as the Head of our Order, and to the Brethren as true Orangemen.

The R. W. Grand Master returned thanks in a few happy remarks, amidst the greatest tokens of approbation of the Brethren, and resumed the Grand Master's Chair.

The Lecture of the Illustrious Order of the Royal Scarlet, was now correctly repeated, by Companions Sir R. Dempsey, Sr. D. G. M. and Sir S. B. Campbell, G. D. C.; and the Sovereign, assisted by the Companions, duly closed this Special Session of the Grand Lodge.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

 L. S.

GEORGE LYTTLETON ALLEN,
 Grand Master & Sovereign,
 Loyal Orange Institution, B. N. A.

HARCOURT POTTER GOWAN,
 Grand Secretary.

NOTICE.

The undersigned begs to request that each Private, District, and County Lodge in this, and the adjoining Provinces, will forward him their Annual Returns with as little delay as possible. A Resolution recommending the cancelling of the Warrants of all Lodges not regularly forwarding their Returns to the R. W. the Grand Lodge, in terms of Rule 72, (page 22), of *The Constitution and Laws* of the Institution will be offered at the next Session. It is desirable that a list should be annually published, stating the number of each Lodge; the name and Post Office address of its W. M.; the house or hall in the City, Town, Village, &c., (as the case may be), where it sits; when it sits; the District and County; number of members; number of Parliamentary voters; number of Municipal voters; number joined by Certificate; number Initiated; withdrawals by Certificate; Suspensions; Expulsions; Deaths; total Receipts; total Expended in Charity; total Expenditure; and any other particulars deemed necessary.

By order of the R. W. the G. M. and S.

HARCOURT P. GOWAN.

Grand Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND LODGE, }
Toronto, April, 1857. }